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SUBJ: ARRESTS OF UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

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1. GOC HAS RELEASED OFFICIAL TEXT OF STATEMENT MADE AUG 15 BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION ADMIRAL ARTURO TRONCOSO CONCERNING ARRESTS OF UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL. TRONCOSO SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH GOC DEPLORES HAVING TO ADOPT SUCH MEASURES, IT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT GOC WILL NOT ACCEPT POLITICAL OR SECTARIAN ACTIVITY WITHIN THE UNIVERSITIES. HE REMINDED UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL THAT DISCIPLINARY MEASURES TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 1973 COUP HAD BEEN LIMITED TO WHAT WAS INDISPENSABLE TO RETURN THE UNIVERSITIES TO THEIR PROPER ROLE AS CENTERS OF STUDY. NEVERTHELESS, SMALL SEGMENTS OF ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HAD PERSISTED IN DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES WHICH REQUIRED GOC ACTION. THIS WAS CASE IN LATEST ARRESTS, INVOLVING SMALL GROUPS WHICH HAD IGNORED BAN ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY. DETENTIONS HAD BEEN MADE UNDER AUTHORITY OF STATE OF SIEGE. THOSE WHO HAD VIOLATED POLITICAL RECESS OR UNIVERSITY RULES WOULD BE EXPELLED PERMANENTLY -- THOSE PERSONNEL GUILTY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRIMINAL ACTS WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO TRIBUNALS.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MEDIA AUGUST 17 AND 18, BETWEEN NINE AND FOURTEEN OF THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN RELEASED; NOT YET CLEAR IF THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE UNIVERSITY.

3. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION THAT NUMBER ARRESTED HAS RISEN TO "OVER 70" (REF A), ALTHOUGH OTHER UNIVERSITIES ARE REPORTEDLY UNDER INVESTIGATION.

4. COMMENT: EVIDENCE IS NOT FIRM, BUT WE NOTE THAT GOC SECURITY FORCES APPARENTLY IGNORED LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ADVISE FAMILY MEMBERS OF ARRESTS WITHIN 48 HOURS, AS REQUIRED UNDER NEW INTERNAL SECURITY LAW.

5. SEPTTEL WILL REPORT ON EXPULSION FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (STATE 195923).
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